

## HE SAYS HIS CHILD WAS MURDERED.

Judge Walsh, However, Discharges Watson, Who Ran Over Gracie Pierce.

Only Witness of the Accident Declares the Man Was Not Responsible.

EXPLAINS WHY HE RAN AWAY.

Some One Shouted "He Has Killed a Child" and Watson Says He Fears the Mob. Coroner Coombes Will Make an Investigation.

Walter Watson, of No. 761 Bergen street, Brooklyn, the driver of the asphalt wagon which ran over and killed ten-year-old Gracie Pierce on Eighth avenue, Tuesday noon, was yesterday arraigned before Judge Walsh and discharged as blameless.

The only actual witness of the little girl's fall from her bicycle and subsequent crushing beneath the heavy wheels of the cart was Walter Blackman, of No. 150 Nevins street, coachman to Mrs. McGarry, widow of the late Alderman. According to his testimony, the child had come down Eighth avenue at a rapid rate to the point at the junction of Flatbush avenue, where the asphalt pavement ceases and is replaced by granite blocks. Here she seemed to become frightened at McGarry's coach, and swerved sharply to the right. The turn was too pronounced and the bicycle toppled over, falling with the child almost immediately beneath it. The child was Watson's team, which was on Blackman's left. The witness swore that it would have been impossible for Watson to have prevented the accident.

The accused man himself said that he did not see the girl until she was right under the wheels. He did not, as was at first reported, drive immediately away, but he descended from his cart and picked up the poor little child, who sat up in the road crying for her mamma, and he carried her to the edge of a vacant lot close by. Then, thinking her not much hurt, he drove on his way.

Watson yesterday accounted for his flight when the employees of the Montauk Club sought to bring him back to the scene of the accident, by saying that he heard the people crying, "He has killed a child!" and he feared they would mob and injure him.

Coroner Coombes empaneled a jury yesterday afternoon, and the body of the child was viewed at the residence of No. 330 Flatbush avenue. An immediate adjournment until some night next week was taken. All witnesses will then be examined, and a searching inquiry as to Watson's culpability will be made.

The father and the mother of the girl still believe her dying statement that Watson stopped when he heard her scream, and then with curses deliberately drove over her. Mr. Pierce yesterday declared that his child had been brutally and wantonly murdered.

Mrs. James Rowe, of No. 12 Eighth avenue, who carried the little injured one home, did not actually witness the running over, but she will swear that Gracie told her that she called upon the man to stop, which he did, and that in a moment he drove on again, and the cart went over her.

The funeral arrangements are in the hands of Undertaker Frank J. Doherty, of No. 395 Hicks street, and the interment will take place this afternoon at Evergreens Cemetery.

## COULDN'T HURT HIS WIFE.

In His Defence Greve Declared He Is a Small Man While Mrs. Greve Is a Stout Woman.

Mrs. Hannah Greve's suit for a separation against August Greve was discontinued in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, because of an informality in the service of the papers.

Greve is a well-known character in New York. For twenty-seven years he has kept a cigar store on Bleeker street. He is a hunchback, only 4½ feet in height. Mrs. Greve is nearly a foot taller and fifteen years younger than her husband.

The grounds upon which Mrs. Greve bases her suit are that she has been cruelly treated and deprived of the support and society of her husband.

The little man declared these charges untrue. He said that he was not treated into an ugly frame of mind one fair day four years ago. She bundled up everything belonging to her and left the house, taking her child, Augusta, along.

As for abuse, Mr. Greve said it was absurd to believe that a little weak man like himself could ill-treat a stalwart young woman like his wife.

Justice Clement gave her consent permission to serve the complaint in the way prescribed by law.

## DISPLEASED WITH THE GATE.

New Entrance to the Navy Yard Not Large Enough for the Guard.

Commodore Montgomery Seward, commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, is dissatisfied with the recently constructed gate and marine main guard buildings, and has declined to accept the work until a special Board of officers has examined it and made a report.

The contractor, J. C. Carlin, has stated that the work has been done strictly according to contract, and if there is any fault it is in the plans he had to follow. No information is being given New York dockyard officials, but the chief fault of the new buildings is said to be lack of space. The gate, which was to be a double gate, is said to be too narrow to accommodate the guard, and a story must be added to the structure.

TO HAVE A DAY'S OUTING.

St. Mary's Literary and Dramatic Society Will Go to Monteverde's Park.

## DAVIS BETRAYS HIS PAL.

Police Capture Three Youths Who Were Trying to Break into a Williamsburg Clothing Store.

Detective Dougherty and Policeman Laughran, of the Stagg Street Station, Williamsburg, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, arrested three youths who were trying to force an entrance to the clothing store of Philip Prusnasky, at No. 55 Ewen street. The burglary had been planned several days ago and was to be committed between 2 and 3 o'clock.

Shortly before midnight Monday, while Detective Dougherty was seated at a window of the station house, Philip Davis, sixteen years old, of No. 112 McKim street, entered. He was somewhat excited, and, when questioned as to his errand, told of the proposed burglary.

He had been taken to this job," he said, "but don't like it, so I thought I would tell the police."

Davis told how he had been selected as the "lookout." After being closely questioned, Detective Dougherty told Davis to join the other two, who had been intended to do, promising that he would not be arrested. Davis then left the station house, and Dougherty, accompanied by Officer Laughran, hastened to the clothing store and concealed themselves in a wardrobe, which stood near the entrance.

An hour later they saw four young men coming down the street.

When in front of the store they stopped and glanced about, to see if any one was in sight. Davis then stationed himself in front of the building, while the other three entered the store. The three entered the basement. While thus engaged the officers jumped from their hiding place and placed the youths under arrest. Davis, at a distance and at the station house gave the names as Charles Samuels, eighteen years old, of No. 101 Moore street, and Benjamin Ferrel, fifteen years old, of No. 123 East street. Davis was also taken into custody as an accessory.

In the Ewen Street Police Court, Samuels, Broekman and Ferrel were each fined \$10.00, to answer a charge of attempted burglary, while Davis was paroled on a promise to appear as a witness on Saturday, when the case was called.

## MR. MEYER'S HOT CHASE.

He Carried His 309 Pounds a Mile Across Lots in Pursuit of His Runaway Pug Dog.

Henry A. Meyer, of Vandewater park, who once came within 1,000 votes of being Mayor of Brooklyn, had an interesting chase yesterday afternoon for a pet pug dog called Nero, which took it into his head to run away. Mr. Meyer weighs 300 pounds, the pug four pounds.

Mr. Meyer went home to lunch, and when he had finished, his children demanded a glass of soda water and some bonbons for the pug.

Mr. Meyer put his children into his carriage, and the dog was dressed up in his harness, bells and big red ribbon bow, and the nurse took him in charge. When a drug store was found at the children's house, the dog was taken to the store, where he was only served with a few candies and what remained in the glasses after the children had finished. The nurse called to him but he refused to heed her. Nero strolled down Flatbush street, and when he was near the station house, Mr. Meyer started in pursuit. Then the dog began a trot. So did Mr. Meyer. The more Mr. Meyer called for the dog the more he trotted. The dog trotted and he concluded that it was best to take his carriage and drive to the station house, where he was a wise dog, however, and when Mr. Meyer was about to get out of the carriage and grab him, Nero deliberately walked across the street, and Mr. Meyer was puffing like a porpoise when he triumphantly carried the dog back to his carriage. When he reached home, the dog was put in the kitchen, and there was immediately sorrow when Dr. Corley had to be summoned to attend to the dog's leg, which was a short time for Mr. Meyer to recover.

## COLORED GIRLS RUN AWAY.

With Stolen Money They Visit Coney Island and Bergen Beach.

Superintendent McKelvey, of the Brooklyn police, sent out a general alarm for the apprehension of two colored girls, Gertrude Nickson, fifteen years old, and Eveline Rolves, seventeen years old, both living at the home of Mr. George Nickson, No. 1007 St. Marks avenue. They run away from home on Monday afternoon.

Yesterday Patrolman Fallon found the two girls in the Bowery at the station house. They were locked up, pending the notification of Mrs. Nickson, at whose request the general alarm was sent out. The girls claimed to Captain Zimmerman that they had trouble at home and had stolen \$125, a \$250 gold watch and a ring valued at about \$10. All the jewelry had been pawned for about \$1, which, with the \$125, they had spent at the Bowery at Coney Island and at Bergen Beach.

Late in the day Mrs. Nickson called at the City Street Police Court and stated that she would make a complaint against the girls and request that they be punished. The girls' girl is a palm reader and was released from duty at Bergen Beach last week.

## ITALIAN'S VICTIM MAY DIE.

Hospital Physicians Do Not Believe Foulker Can Recover from His Wounds.

John Foulker, the Long Island City hunchback, who was stabbed twice in the abdomen on Monday night by Bruno Detomasi, an Italian, otherwise known as James Rossi, was alive in St. John's Hospital at a late hour last night. The house surgeon, however, states that Foulker's chances of recovery are exceedingly slim.

The two men were in the employ of ex-Alderman Hugo Schmidt, at the corner of the East Avenue and Court street, when they quarreled over the evening they became involved in a dispute over a shovel which the Italian claimed as his property. The quarrel was not progressed far when the Italian drew a stiletto and stabbed Foulker twice in the abdomen. He then started to flee, but was caught by Police Officer Honeywell at Bergen Beach last week.

The Italian was yesterday arraigned in the East Avenue Court and charged with assault in the first degree. He pleaded not guilty, and was held without bail to await the result of Foulker's injuries.

## WURSTER STIRRED THEM UP.

Aldermen Held Up His Bills and Wrote a Letter.

The Common Council of Brooklyn has been hanging up all Mayor Wurster's pet projects for the past week. Yesterday he came in from his retreat at Shelter Island and sent his assistant, Justice Schmitt, to the attention of the need of immediate action on several measures before it, principally a regulation for \$30,000, to be used in maintaining the water supply.

The Board voted to allow City Works Commissioner William C. Williams \$100,000 from the Water Revenue Fund to the Maintenance Fund; he wanted \$40,000. The matter of appropriating money for Health Commissioner Emery's department was referred to the Health Committee, who will report in two weeks.

## MEAN AND BOY VAGRANTS SENTENCED.

John Graham, sixteen years old, and Daniel Daly, thirty-five years old, were sent to the Reformatory for Delinquents in the City of New York, yesterday, charged with vagrancy. Both prisoners were the cause of much complaint to the police, and they were arrested while asleep in a stone yard at Kent avenue and Hewes street. In court they admitted that they were vagrants, and Graham was sentenced to ten days and Daly for twenty-nine days.

## BUTTLING SMASHES A WILLIS SLATE.

He Compels the Executive Committee to Arrange for Early Primaries.

In Doing So He Becomes the Champion of Woodruff for Lieutenant-Governor.

## SOLID DELEGATION PLEDGED.

Both Factions Announce That They Will Support the Park Commissioner with Ninety-two Votes in the State Convention—Big Meeting Planned.

Sheriff Buttlug smashed another Willis Wurster slate at the meeting of the Republican Executive Committee of Kings County last night, and in doing so made himself the champion of Park Commissioner Timothy Woodruff for Lieutenant-Governor. Incidentally he pledged the wing of the party he represents for Woodruff, and Tax Collector Appleton for this year, by declaring that the popular chairman and young politician will have Kings County's ninety-two votes in the State Convention.

The meeting of the committee was called for the purpose of selecting dates for the primaries and Assembly conventions. At the primaries delegates are to be elected to the Assembly conventions, and these in turn name the State Convention delegates.

Willis and Wurster and the rest of the anti-Platt people had fixed on August 18 for the primaries and August 20 for the conventions. They thought there would be a better chance of electing anti-Platt delegates if primaries were held after the vacation period. Worth and Buttlug realized, on the other hand, that they would have the Heights and Prospect Slope are at the seaside or mountain resorts, and Buttlug accordingly suggested that the primaries be held on August 18 and the Assembly conventions two days later.

Tax Collector Appleton mildly remarked that many Republicans would not have returned from vacations by that time. Let them do like us fellows of the Fifth Ward—never take a vacation," answered the Sheriff.

Mr. Appleton argued that it would be unfair to shut out part of the party, and he even drifted into a defence of the great institution, the vacation. He apparently had a number of the children of the party, and Buttlug made a lively speech, claiming that early primaries and conventions are necessary in the interests of Woodruff.

"If we are going to work for Woodruff, and not simply make a bluff," he said, "we should declare for him early at our Assembly conventions, and then let the anti-State people understand that Kings County is with us. If we wait until the Assembly conventions on August 18,"

He made the argument so effectively that the anti-Platt people have given up the idea of having the primaries held in the position of antagonizing Woodruff. They lacked the courage to do this, so they submitted.

After this business was settled a resolution endorsing McKinley and Hobart and electing McKinley and Hobart was passed, and a check was offered and went through with a cheer.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman Jacob Brenner, and among those present were Robert Worth, the anti-Platt editor, and Commissioner Willis. Mr. Brenner is confident he will be at the head of the Campaign Committee, and in order to make sure of the place he is already talking of what he thinks should be the biggest campaign rally of the year. He has to have a grand stand speech, and Speaker Reed made speeches on the same night from a platform on the Prospect Heights. The anti-Platt people were gathered, he believes, would be from 50,000 to 100,000.

Assuming that he can be at the head of the Campaign Committee if he desires, Mr. Brenner said:

"If I take the place there will be no unjust discriminations because of fact or color. While apparently it would appear that New York will give several hundred thousand majority for McKinley, yet I deem it my duty to state that the Campaign Committee of Kings County will exert itself as if the fight was for preservation only."

## CLOSE CALL FOR MR. ECKERT.

Pulled Up His Horse Barely in Time to Escape a Passing Train.

Charles Eckert, a hotel keeper of Springfield, L. I., had a narrow escape from being killed by a train of the Long Island Railroad while crossing the Merrick road near that place yesterday.

While returning from Jamaica in a light roadster, Mr. Eckert, not noticing an approaching train, attempted to cross the tracks. He had hardly reached the street when he saw the engine almost upon him.

Pulling up his horse with all his strength, he succeeded in turning the animal a little to one side, just as the train thundered past. One of the rear cars struck the frightened horse in the nose, causing him to suddenly back up, almost toppling over the vehicle. Mr. Eckert was faint from the shock and had to be helped to the ground.

The Merrick road is used daily by bicyclists in search of a good condition. There are no gates or flagmen, warn persons of the approach of a train.

## BOY RUN OVER BY A WAGON.

William O'Brien's Skull Fractured, but It is Thought He Will Recover.

William O'Brien, who is seven years old, and lives at No. 183 North Third street, Williamsburg, was run over, last night, by a horse and wagon at Driggs avenue and Fillmore place. His skull was fractured. An ambulance took him to the Eastern District Hospital, where it is not believed he will recover.

Henry Eckhardt, of No. 180 Grand street, the driver of the wagon, was arrested. He will be arraigned this morning in the Eleventh Avenue Police Court.

## MURDERED MAN'S WIFE WEPT.

Theresa Tomlinson, the self-confessed murderer of Michael Thornton, who was killed at a ratification meeting of the Jefferson Democratic Club of the Eleventh Ward, Brooklyn, was arraigned in the Ewen Street Police Court, Williamsburg, yesterday, and upon the advice of counsel he waived examination, and Justice Harriman held him to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The wife of the murdered man was also present during the proceedings. The prisoner's daughter was also present. She occupied a seat beside the widow, and when the prisoner was returned to the pen both women heaved sighs of relief.

## SHE WAS NOT HELD UP.

Mrs. Gardner Told a Thrilling Story, But Her Diamonds Were Safe in a Bath House.

Mrs. Catharine Gardner, a charming young woman who resides at No. 102 West Kings-street, New York, tearfully told at the police station at West Brighton, Coney Island, on last Friday, how she had been attacked by three burly robbers, with deep brass voices and wearing masks, who in true highwayman style asked her to hold up her hands.

According to her story, they then wrenched four very valuable diamond rings from her fingers, and not minding her shrieks, took from her her valuable brooch. She remembered nothing that occurred after that for sometime, as she swooned.

The story thrilled the Sergeant at Headquarters. He remarked: "This is important if true." He told the story to other police officials, and they agreed with him. It is important, as it is the first time that Acting Captain Lawson himself participated in the effort to find the brigands.

Acting Detective Cloughlin and followed the clues she had given them and slender and indefinite ones they were.

Mrs. Gardner forgot to mention, between the sobbing and she punctuated her story at the police station, that she had been in bathing from Peter Ravenhill's bathhouse on the day on which her thrilling encounter was alleged to have taken place.

She thought she did not know that she had deposited her jewelry with Edward J. Gregor, the bartender at Ravenhill's. While she was worrying and the police were looking for her, she was sitting far and wide for the three bad men, who were much perturbed as to her whereabouts, and finally took the jewels to the police.

Mrs. Gardner was notified, and yesterday she was made very happy when the diamonds were returned to her. She was willing to forgive the three bad men, who appeared, were innocent and probably did not exist.

## TRUANTS SCENT LIBERTY.

Their Prison School Will Close for the Term on Friday, and They Will Be Released on Probation.

The Brooklyn Truant School, on Jamaica avenue, just at the city line, will close Friday, at the end of the school year. During the past school term there have been 183 boys received at the institution. All have been discharged on probation, with the exception of forty-five, who are still confined there. They are not considered cured of the "hooky" habit, but according to the new law, they cannot be held after the close of the official school year.

Up to the present time, the young truant boys have been kept in the school for two or three weeks, and have been released, and have cast many wistful glances through the barred windows.

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## VICTIMS OF THE LIGHTNING.

Persons Stunned and Houses Damaged During Monday Evening's Storm.

The storm on Long Island on Monday evening was pretty strong in some places. In Long Island City considerable damage was done. Edward P. Granger, forty-five years old, of No. 75 Paynton avenue, that city, a switchman in the employ of the Long Island Railroad at the Brooklyn yard, was struck by lightning and rendered unconscious. He was taken to the hospital, and he was some time before he was revived, and he was taken to his home. Yesterday he was reported to be in a serious condition.

At Bay Shore a bolt of lightning struck the dwelling of Mrs. John J. Doherty, it wrecked it. Where the lightning hit the building it shattered the house, and for some time there was opened a painful scene among the inmates. No one was hurt, however.

During the storm a locomotive standing near the residence of the Martins brothers in East Norwich was struck by a bolt of lightning. The bolt passed along the limb of the tree, and struck the house, which was badly damaged. Mrs. William Marting and her niece were busy doing some housework at the time. They were all stunned. Physicians were summoned, but the physicians declared that they had been severely blistered about the neck and shoulders. In a short time, however, they recovered. The house was shattered where the bolt hit the building, but it was not set on fire.

## DRIVEN OUT IN THE STORM.

Crofton Ejected His Wife and Children and Was Sent to Jail.

Justice Schmitt, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williamsburg, yesterday, committed Edward Crofton, a longshoreman, to jail for twenty-nine days for intoxication. Crofton was arrested Monday night. He lives at No. 85 South Third street with his wife and three children. He was drunk when he was arrested. He was taken to the hospital, and he was some time before he was revived, and he was taken to his home. Yesterday he was reported to be in a serious condition.

## CHILD CHEATED DEATH.

Quickly Recovered from a Fractured Skull to the Surprise of Physicians.

The recovery of little James Burdock has surprised and delighted the medical staff of St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn. The boy left the hospital yesterday apparently in the best of health.

Two weeks ago James, who is only four years old, tumbled out of the fourth story window of his home, No. 64 Underhill avenue. He was found on the ground, dying apparently. His skull was fractured and his brain injured. The doctors were at first despondent, but they were surprised when the boy was revived, and he was taken to his home. Yesterday he was reported to be in a serious condition.

## WOMAN THROWN FROM A WAGON.

Sayville, L. I., July 28.—Mrs. Cass Otto met with a serious accident this afternoon when she was thrown from a horse-drawn wagon. She was seated in a somewhat overcrowded wagon. When about to turn the corner of Main street into Candee avenue, the horse was thrown from her seat, and she struck heavily on her back and head. A being picked up she became unconscious, and was carried to the hospital by Dr. G. A. Robinson. Her condition is serious.

## MAINE DEMOCRATS LOYAL TO BRYAN.

Lawson, Me., July 28.—The Androscoggin County Democratic Convention, at Auburn, today, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Democrats of Androscoggin County hereby pledge hearty support to the nomination of the National Democratic party and will use all honorable means for their election."

## ALLEGED PICKPOCKET HELD.

Edward Maber, of Courtland street, Coney Island, who was arrested early last Sunday at the West End Railroad Depot, accused of picking the pocket of a woman, was taken to the City Prison, where he was held by Justice Woodruff. He was a native of Dublin, Ireland. He was sixty years old.

## ARONITZ'S WIVES MET AND FOUGHT.

Broke Their Parasols Over Each Other's Heads Outside a Police Court.

The Cause of the Trouble Had Been Arrested for Abandoning Wife No. 2.

## NO. 1 PUTS IN AN APPEARANCE.

Both Women Attended Court, and at the Conclusion of the Proceedings They Came Together on the Sidewalk—How Aronitz Won Hearts.

A young woman who was trembling with excitement came out of the door leading to the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. She walked up and down, talking to herself. Another woman who was in an angry frame of mind appeared a minute later. They met, and it was like two storm clouds coming together. An explosion was the result. Tongue lashing and followed it with a grand assault with parasols. They deluged each other until their parasols were wrecked. Their friends gathered in a circle. Finally they separated and disappeared.

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## WILL HEAR GLEASON'S SIDE.

United States District Attorney Will Not Rush the Case Against the Mayor.

James L. Bennett, the Federal District Attorney of Brooklyn, does not intend to play into the hands of Mayor Patrick J. Gleason's enemies by rushing the case against him. The question of Gleason's citizenship is involved.

I intend to wait to "Gleason" before taking any steps. It is only fair and courteous that I should let him know the alleged facts so that he may prepare his side of the case. If Mr. Gleason came to the United States before he was eighteen and took out his naturalization papers, he is a citizen. It provides that a preliminary notice of intention to become a citizen is required when the applicant is under eighteen. If, however, he is over eighteen, he must be presented to the court, and his naturalization papers must be examined. Mr. Gleason was over eighteen when he took out his papers. If that is a fact, his papers are valid. The matter will not be presented to Judge Bennett until it is thoroughly sifted in this office."

Ex-Police Sergeant James Lamb, who is the head of the "Gleason" case, is a man who is a man the latter often befriended.

## THREE DEAD IN A WEEK.

Children Carried Away by Diphtheria and a Fourth Has the Disease.

Bayonne, N. J., July 28.—George Caro, of No. 20 West Twenty-second street, has lost three children by diphtheria within a week. The fourth is sick, and Mrs. Caro is in the hospital in a delicate condition, and prostrated with the knowledge that two of her children are dead. The father is almost broken down by the burden of his grief.

A week ago every member of the family perished in good health. But since then the three-year-old child, was taken ill with diphtheria. The other three children were taken ill, and the mother's worry caused her condition to become such that her removal to the hospital was imperative.

Johnnie died yesterday. A few hours later Sack and George expired. Yesterday afternoon Daniel Dempsey was called to bury the two bodies. The funeral was to have been held at 10 o'clock this morning. Undertaker Dempsey was in the act of placing the two caskets in the hearse, the death of the mother was announced. The funeral of the two children was postponed, and Undertaker Dempsey proceeded to bury the mother. The interment was in the Hudson County Catholic Cemetery. The mother was informed of the death of the third child.

## IS REWARDED FOR HEROISM.

Motorman Who Saved a Boy's Life Receives \$50 from the Company.

Newark, N. J., July 28.—Albert Cooper, the motorman who rescued little John McCaffrey, of No. 394 Ferry street, from in front of his car's tender last Saturday afternoon, has been handsomely rewarded by the Newark & South Orange Railway Company. Treasurer William Scherer, by check for \$50 to Cooper yesterday afternoon. Accompanying the check was this letter: